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# St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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### Call to order

A meeting of the St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors and members was held at the Beach House at 18604 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores FL 33785 on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Board members that were present were Terasa Heckert, Lauren Heckert, Norm Bungard, Jan Ward and Magda Rodriguez. Absent was Bonnie Ruth. Also present was Pete Meydag. Norm opened the meeting with a prayer.

### Reports

**President** – Terasa opened the meeting by expressing her enthusiasm in her new role and is looking forward to being able to have more fundraising and member activities.

**Secretary** – Last month's minutes were reviewed for omissions and updates. There were no changes and the minutes were approved. We currently have 51 members.

**Treasurer** – Lauren Heckert reported our balance in the Club account is approximately \$7941. The projected ending balance will be around \$3600. We have International and Florida District dues payments totaling \$1198 that will be sent in the next week. Additionally funding in the amount of \$2970 will be needed in April of 2021 for the 100 year anniversary of the club. This is a significant outlay of funds for the club so fundraising activities in 2021 will be very important. All members are encouraged to give their time for any scheduled activities. Dues for 2021 will remain at \$48/quarter. The discount for paying for the year in advance will be \$160. These will be due by December 25<sup>th</sup> for the 2021 year. Notifications will go out to the members in the next week.

### New Business

**Police and Fire Awards** – The Police Awards were held on 9/11. Theresa Pinnix is working with the Fire Department to come up with a date for the Fire Awards. As soon as this is known we will notify the members if there is room for them at the ceremony. Both Police and Fire are limiting their interactions with the public because of Covid-19 concerns so we may be limited in who can attend. If you are interested please contact Lauren.

**David Haines Memorial Golf Tournament** – This year's tournament will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Cove Cay Country Club in Clearwater FL. Bonnie Ruth is coordinating the volunteers. We currently have 5 members and 1 guest signed up. Bonnie Ruth, Magda Rodriguez, Jeanne Davison, Eddie Pringle, Tom Starkweather and Becky Starkweather have indicated they will attend.

**Blossom Montessori School for the Deaf** – Julie Rutenberg, founder and director sent a thank you letter to the club for our \$100 contribution. They are purchasing plexiglass partitions to place in the lunchroom that would allow students to enjoy their lunch while still being able to communicate via sign language with their friends. The letter was previously sent to all members via email.

**Jr. Civitan** - Sadly the Jr. Civitan Club at St. Petersburg High School is no longer intact. They are without a school sponsor and no one has indicated they will step up to lead them. Should they decide to rejoin, Bonnie told the Pinellas Education Foundation we would continue the scholarship, were there to be any eligible students. Bonnie will follow up on the balance in their account and what the re-initiation process would be.

**100 Year Anniversary Celebration** – The St. Petersburg Museum of History is revising their contract in consideration of the loss of their bartending service. We are locked in at a price of \$1500 to use the facility. We will consider a future board meeting to be held there so we can see what they have to offer. We plan to charge \$25 each or \$40 per couple. Attendance is open to the public. Catering will be done by Kelli's

Catering of Seminole. Frank Kelley the current Civitan International President and past St. Petersburg Civitan Club member is expected to attend. Lana Suggs the Florida District Governor and other local dignitaries will also be invited. The Centennial Celebration will consist of the Saturday evening, Centennial Celebration, and Sunday afternoon, Next Century Kick Off event. The budget for the weekend's events is \$2,970 for all anticipated expenses.

**Chit Chat** - Board member Jan Ward has volunteered to take on the task of distributing the Chit Chat.

**Bylaws Update** – The Bylaws will be the major topic of discussion at the Social/Meeting scheduled for 2pm on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Beach House. They were voted on and approved by the Club Board. They will now be put to a vote by the membership at this meeting. We will also have the induction of officers for the 2021 year. This is a meeting all members should attend and vote on the Bylaws. Norm will reach out for someone from the FL District Civitan to attend or Zoom to help with the ceremony.

**National Historical Society** – Lauren took building pictures and submitted them to the Florida Department of State as they requested. They are also asking for directories and any meeting minutes for the 1935-1970 timeframe. Any members with knowledge should reach out to Lauren. He will be going through the archived documents in the coming week. The next step is to submit a nomination letter for final approval. This will allow us to place a marker sign on the Beach House property informing the public of the historical nature of the property.

**Christmas Holiday Project** - Terasa has suggested we consider a donation of toys or other items to a local charity in lieu of the cancellation of the PARC Christmas party. The ongoing Covid-19 concerns have caused PARC to cancel the annual Christmas party at PARC. Terasa will be contacting PARC, Toys for Tots and/or Christmas Toy Shop to gauge their interest and see if they have any limitations.

**Work at the Beach House** – Member Chris Keene installed the last ceiling fan we purchased quite awhile ago. He also removed some large trash items that were on the north side of the Beach House.

**FL District** – Bonnie Ruth has accepted the position of Secretary for the FL District Civitan. Dick Fuller is our new district representative replacing Earle Lusk.

## **Motions**

There were no new motions.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Civitan Beach House. Members are welcome to attend. We moved this from November 11<sup>th</sup> because of a wedding at the Beach House.